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SUBJECT: APRIL BRIEFING OF OECD/DAC COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE IN
ROME BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

1. IN MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OECD/DAC COUNTRIES IN ROME
MARCH 16, NETHERLANDS CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT WORLD FOOD COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN HANNAH HAD ASKED TO SPEAK TO GROUP ON
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANS FOR WORLD
FOOD COUNCIL (INCLUDING COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY
MATTERS). TIME MOST CONVENIENT FOR DR. HANNAH IS APRIL 6, AFTER
HIS RETURN FROM VISITS TO OPEC COUNTRIES AND COMPLETION OF PAPERS
BY WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SECRETARIAT AND BEFORE HE VISITS WITH EEC
IN GENEVA AND BONN.

2. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO, SECONDED BY SEVERAL OTHERS,
OBJECTED TO HOLDING SUCH MEETING DURING SESSION OF COMMITTEE OF
WORLD FOOD SECURITY, AND SUGGESTED THAT MAIN SUBJECTS OF MEETING
SHOULD BE TAKEN UP WITH ALL COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES RATHER THAN
IN SEPARATE GROUPS. BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE IN PARTICULAR SAID
HE COULD NOT EFFECTIVELY DISCUSS WORLD FOOD SECURITY ISSUES AT
THAT TIME WITH CWFS IN SESSION AND CEREAL GROUP MEETING
IN GENEVA WITH STOCKS ON AGENDA. NETHERLANDS CHAIRMAN WILL
SUGGEST TO DR. HANNAH THAT MEETING WITH OECD/DAC REPRESENTATIVES
BE CONFINED TO IFAD AND HELD BEFORE APRIL 5 IF POSSIBLE, WITH
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INCIDENTAL DISCUSSION OF SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS HE WISHES TO RAISE.

3. FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, NETHERLANDS AND AUSTRALIA MADE STIFF PROTESTS TO DR. HANNAH ABOUT MEETING WITH GROUP 77 MORNING OF MARCH 1, WHICH RELEGATED WORLD FOOD COUNCIL PRESIDENT MAREI'S CONSULTATION WITH COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES THAT AFTERNOON TO ROLE OF APPROVING DECISIONS ALREADY REACHED. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE EARLIER MADE SIMILAR COMMENT TO DR. HANNAH. WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SECRETARIAT PERSISTS IN DEALING WITH COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES BY GROUPS, PARTICULARLY WITH GROUP 77, REPORTEDLY ON ADVICE OF SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL (WE BELIEVE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AZIZ) THAT THIS IS BEST WAY TO GET THINGS DONE. VOLPE

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